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In the early 1980s, six kids—Hank, Eric, Diana, Presto, Sheila, and Bobby—were magically transported to the world of Dungeons & Dragons. Equipped with powerful weapons by the mysterious Dungeon Master, they quest across the Forgotten Realms, searching for a way home.

After the startling reveal that some of the kids are no longer sure about going home, the team encounter a mysterious girl named Phaelona, who's been magically trapped in a monastery. Something strange is going on, but before the group can learn more, Phaelona's powers go out of control! In the aftermath, Eric and Diana find themselves lost in a sprawling dungeon and separated from their friends!

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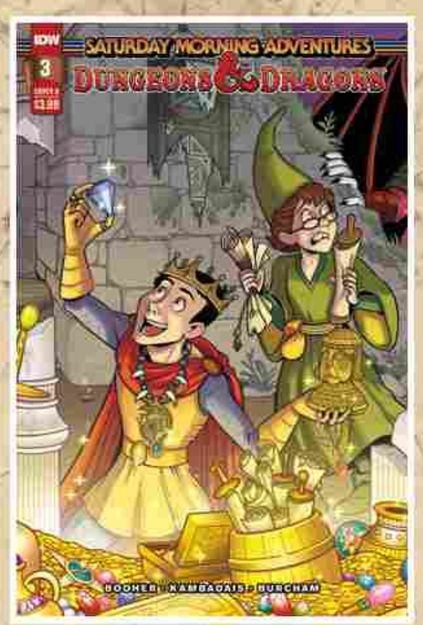

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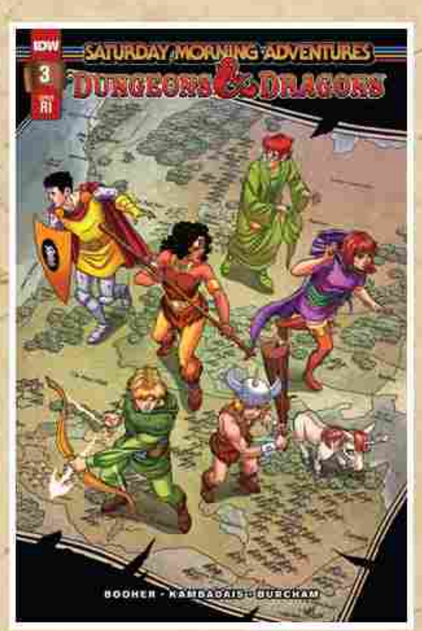

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WE MUST'VE FALLEN THROUGH ONE OF PHAELONA'S RANDOM PORTALS. WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY BACK TO THE REST OF THE TEAM.

EASIER SAID THAN DONE. THESE CORRIDORS GO ON FOREVER.

BESIDES, I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO BE WITH THE REST OF THE TEAM?

HEY, WE MAY HAVE OUR PROBLEMS, BUT IT BEATS ENDING UP LIKE THIS GUY.

SO...ARE YOU ***REALLY*** OKAY IF WE NEVER GET BACK HOME? LIKE, EVER?

I...UM... MAYBE? WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I DON'T KNOW.

I'M DEFINITELY TIRED OF ***ALMOST*** GETTING HOME, THEN FAILING AT THE LAST SECOND.

MAYBE IT'S TIME WE MADE THE BEST OF BEING STUCK HERE.

YEAH. IF WE LEAVE, WHO WILL STOP VENGER? WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE HERE.

BUT I ***DO*** MISS MY CAT. SHE USED TO PLAY WITH MY SHOELACES WHILE I PUT ON MY CLEATS.

YOUR CAT???

I WAS SUPPOSED TO GET A CAR FOR MY 16TH BIRTHDAY! I HAD IT ALL PICKED OUT. A RED HOT ROD.

NOW I'LL PROBABLY GET EATEN BY WHATEVER LIVES IN THIS DUNGEON--

ERIC, LOOK OUT!

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PRISONER OF THE DEEP

PART 3

IT'S A BEHOLDER!

I THINK I WOULD'VE PREFERRED THE DRAGON.

STAND BACK!

SNAP

THE BEHOLDER'S DISINTEGRATION RAY BROKE MY STAFF!

IF YOU WANTED TO MAKE IT MAD, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

IF I CAN GET MY STAFF BACK, I CAN FIX IT.

I'LL CREATE A DISTRACTION WHILE YOU GRAB IT. THEN WE RUN AWAY. FAST.

GOOD PLAN.

HEY, UGLY! DON'T BLINK OR YOU'LL MISS ME!

I'VE GOT IT, ERIC!

THEN LET'S GO! THIS THING IS *NOT* PLAYING AROUND!

WE'LL NEVER OUTRUN IT!

HOLD ON!

HOLD ON TO WHAT?!

OOF!

NEXT TIME YOU PLAN TO MANHANDLE ME, A LITTLE MORE WARNING WOULD BE NICE.

BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME, CREEP!

IT'S USING A TELEKINESIS BEAM TO DRAG US BACK!

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!

HOPE FOR A MIRACLE?

LET THEM GO!

GLOP

QUICKLY. WE MUST GO.

PHAELONA? HOW'D YOU GET DOWN HERE WITH US?

THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. FOLLOW ME WHILE THE BEHOLDER IS STUNNED.

NO WAY. WE ALREADY FELL FOR THAT ONCE. WHERE ARE OUR FRIENDS? WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

YOUR FRIENDS ARE IN GRAVE DANGER. THE PHAELONA YOU MET IS AN IMPOSTER.

HOW DO WE KNOW *YOU'RE* NOT THE IMPOSTER?

YOU DON'T. BUT THAT BEHOLDER IS NOT THE ONLY MONSTER THAT CALLS THIS DUNGEON HOME.

CLICK

GRRRRR

ERIC, I THINK WE FOUND YOUR DRAGON.

BAAAA...

CREEEEEAK

SHE HAS CAST A POWERFUL SPELL OVER THEM.

WHO IS SHE?

I DO NOT KNOW.

WHAT SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT ME IS THE TRUTH. SHE READ MY THOUGHTS BEFORE SHE THREW ME INTO THE DUNGEON. THIS MONASTERY HAS BEEN MY MAGICAL PRISON FOR YEARS. I TRIED TO SUMMON WARRIORS LIKE YOU TO HELP ME BREAK FREE. THIS IMPOSTER CAME THROUGH ONE OF THE PORTALS INSTEAD.

SHE IS MIMICKING MY WILD MAGIC. THAT IS HOW SHE SUMMONED *YOU*.

BUT WHY *US?*

I DO NOT KNOW THAT, EITHER. ALL I KNOW IS THAT WE MUST HELP YOUR FRIENDS.

ERIC, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHOEVER THIS CONJURER IS, SOMEONE HAS TO STAND UP TO HER.

LET OUR FRIENDS GO!

FRIENDS? YOU HAVE NO FRIENDS HERE. YOUR DISAGREEMENTS HAVE SPLIT YOUR PARTY. NOW THEY ARE UNDER MY COMMAND.

GET THEIR WEAPONS!

YES, MASTER.

YES, MASTER.

YES, MASTER.

YES, MASTER.

I KNOW WE'VE HAD OUR ARGUMENTS, HANK, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SHOOT AT ME!

SORRY ABOUT THIS, HANK!

AHHH!

HEY!

BOOM

UNI!

BAAA!

NOW THAT THEY ARE DEFENSELESS... *DESTROY THEM!*

WAIT!

HANK, DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE THOUGHT YOU HAD BETRAYED US TO THE ORCS, ONLY TO FIND OUT YOU WERE RISKING YOUR LIFE TO SAVE BOBBY FROM VENGER?

PRESTO, REMEMBER WHEN WE HELPED YOU USE YOUR MAGIC TO VANQUISH VENGER'S DRAGONS AND SAVE THE TOWN OF HELIX?

AND, SHEILA, REMEMBER WHEN WE MADE IT HOME BUT THEN CHOSE TO RETURN TO THE REALM TO LIFT THE SPELL THAT HAD TURNED ERIC INTO A BOGBEAST?

YOU HAD TO BRING THAT ONE UP, DIDN'T YOU?

BOBBY, DON'T YOU REMEMBER... UNI?

BAAAAA!

U... UNI?

I WAS WRONG WHEN I SAID WE AREN'T A TEAM ANYMORE. WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN A *TEAM.* BUT WE'RE MORE THAN THAT.

EVER SINCE WE GOT ON THAT ROLLER COASTER AND CAME INTO THIS CRAZY REALM, WE'VE ALSO BEEN A *FAMILY.* SURE, WE ARGUE AND GET MAD AT ONE ANOTHER, BUT WHAT FAMILY DOESN'T?

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT WE DO OR WHO OUR LEADER IS. EVERY VILLAIN, MONSTER, AND RIDDLE WE'VE FACED, WE'VE FACED *TOGETHER.* THE ONLY WAY TO BREAK FREE OF THIS MAGICAL INFLUENCE IS TO REMEMBER THAT.

THE MAGIC... IT'S FADING!

I FEEL LIKE MYSELF AGAIN!

I HAVE MY OWN MAGIC BACK!

BAAA!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, TOO, UNI!

ENOUGH TRICKS!

DO YOU WANT TO SAY IT, OR SHOULD I?

LET'S SAY IT TOGETHER.

WEAPONS UP, TEAM!

LOOK! A PORTAL IS OPENING!

PLEASE, YOU MUST DESTROY HER BEFORE SHE DESTROYS US ALL!

NO, YOU MUST DESTROY *HER!* SHE IS THE IMPOSTER!

HOW DO WE TELL WHICH ONE IS REAL?

I SAY WE LOCK THEM BOTH UP IN THE DUNGEON AND LET THAT BEHOLDER WE FOUGHT FIGURE IT OUT.

YOU FOUGHT A BEHOLDER?

IT'S A LONG STORY.

THIS IS WIZARD BUSINESS. I'LL HANDLE IT.

HOCUS POCUS, IN ALL THAT WE'VE SEEN...

...HELP ME REVEAL...

...THE TRUE MAGICAL TEEN!

OH NO!

I DON'T THINK THAT WORKED, PRESTO.

GREAT. NOW I'M GOING TO DIE AS A NERD IN A GOOFY HAT.

I THINK THE HAT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU.

UM...UM... ABRACADABRA, ALAKAZEND...

...PLEASE TURN THESE WIZARDS BACK INTO MY FRIENDS!

POOF!

PHEW.

PHAELONA IS RIGHT. NO MORE TRICKS. WE'VE BEEN BROUGHT HERE FOR A REASON. AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT THAT REASON IS.

THIS IS MY MAGIC BOW. IT WILL NOT LIFT THE CURSE ON THIS MONASTERY, BUT IT WILL GIVE ITS OWNER INCREDIBLE POWER. WHOEVER THE REAL PHAELONA IS, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE IT.

IF THIS BOW WILL NOT FREE ME FROM THIS PRISON, I WILL NOT TAKE IT. IT IS AS USELESS AS ALL THESE OTHER MAGICAL OBJECTS.

SHE *MUST* BE THE IMPOSTER, THEN, BECAUSE I WILL *GLADLY* TAKE IT--

THEN YOU ARE THE IMPOSTER.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I DID AS YOU ASKED!

THE *REAL* PHAELONA WOULD HAVE NO USE FOR OUR MAGICAL WEAPONS IF THEY WOULD NOT HELP BREAK THE SPELL IMPRISONING HER HERE.

WE'VE BEEN IN THE REALMS LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THERE IS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO WOULD GO TO THIS MUCH TROUBLE TO MAKE US HAND OUR WEAPONS OVER...

...VENGER!

I AM GETTING VERY TIRED OF CHASING YOU CHILDREN AROUND THE REALMS. IF YOU WILL NOT FREELY TURN OVER YOUR WEAPONS TO ME... THEN YOU WILL DIE.

YOUR QUEST ENDS HERE!

**TUNE IN FOR THE BIG FINALE...
AND THE END FOR OUR ADVENTURERS?**

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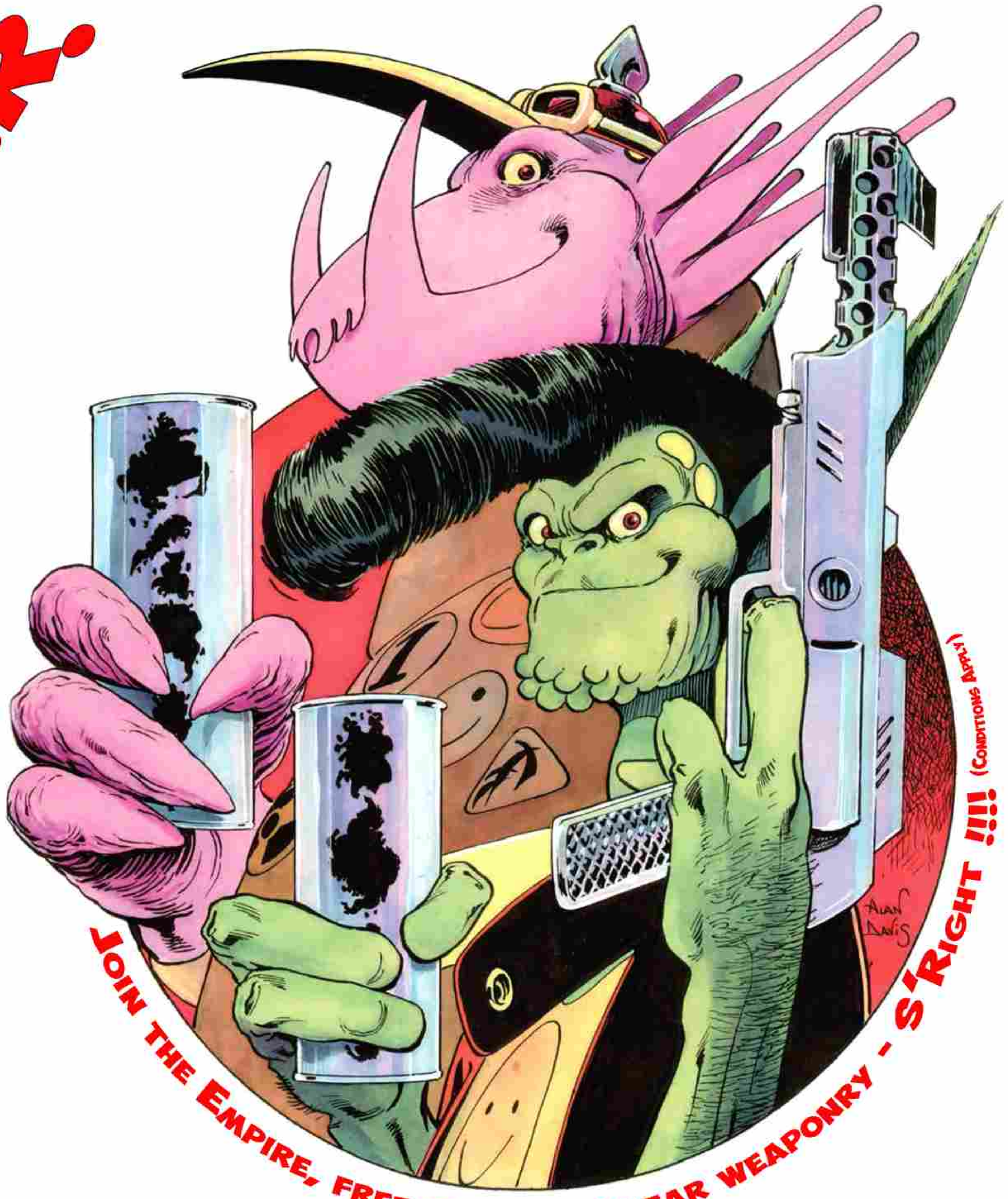

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